



Chapter 851 Newsletter Air Force Sergeants Association



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FROM YOUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow AFSA members. We just ended our first quarter of 2018. Our chapter continues to grow and remains solid. Our leadership team is working very hard to maintain our financial level. If you are wondering if you could help, the answer is a big YES.

We are always looking for community sponsors that could assist our chapter in making financial donations. Currently, this newsletter is provided financially by Wisconsin Vision. It would be great if other sponsors volunteered. If you know someone or a business that would like to sponsor us, please contact one of our leadership team members. I would also like to thank many AFSA Chapter members who have donated money to the chapter.

These monies help us off-set some of the costs for postage and mailing of our care packages sent to deployed troops. In 2017 we spent approx. \$1350 in postage/ mailing costs. Our goal this year is to continue mailing care packages and donations to military members and their families. Our Family/Community Team is very active and is doing an outstanding job under the leadership of Sue Metzger.

One of the true benefits that our chapter can provide you, is the Chapter Newsletter. This is our major tool for communication to all members and we find this newsletter very important and value added. As in the past, our chapter continues to have challenges regarding incorrect address. This add cost to our newsletter and many members will not receive their newsletters. PLEASE if you move or if you are away for a prolonged period, please change you address with AFSA or give the USPC a forwarding address. Too many of these newsletters are being returned (lost \$\$).

In early April a few of AFSA members (Bud and Jean Kolwitz, Shane Morris, Mike Gordon and myself) attended the 2018 Division 3 Conference. The location for this conference was Wichita, Kansas. Normally the weather is pretty nice, well guess again. It was 30-40 degrees every day. Thank goodness the conference was inside. The host chapter did an outstanding job. Noteworthy, Bud/Jean and our chapter received Retention and Recruiting awards. The International Director (Keith Reed) attended and briefed all attendees on national

initiatives. AFSA, as a whole, is doing very well and has a bright future ahead. More information regarding this trip is in the newsletter.

Well, that's pretty much it for the first quarter of 2018. THINK SPONSORSHIP!!! Let's hope Spring and Summer weather is forthcoming. In closing, thank you for your continued support and being a loyal AFSA member. If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to call me.

Serving You, Bill Rheingans, Chapter 851 President
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DIVISION CONFERENCE

The Convention was at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview Wichita, Kansas and as Bill stated, the weather could have been warmer. Chapter 972, McConnell AFB was the host Chapter. Not only were we addressed by AFSA Director Keith Reed, but Patti Dalzell, International Family Matters Trustee addressed us telling what the program is about. Plans are being made for next year's Division Convention and Kansas City has been mentioned and most likely the weekend of April 29. Will keep you informed.

Elections were held and these are your officers:
Pres: Steve Zalesky VP Gary Swanson
1st Trustee: David Bamburg
2nd Trustee: Kevin Ott
3rd Trustee: Bobby Kazmir Retention Trustee: Bud Kolwitz
Family Matters Chair: Jean Kolwitz
Historian: Charlie Dalzell Sr. Advisor: Dale Lutzen

MEMBERSHIP

Again, thank you for renewing thru me this past year. This is what helps keep our organization strong and viable. As President stated in his article, let me, or AFSA, know if your address changes. This insures you get all necessary mailings. Also, in case of a death, notify me or AFSA. As you know, I send out the renewals six months in advance because that is the same time AFSA does. Renewing thru a Chapter member gets the retainer and Chapter credit. Renewing thru AFSA does not give us credit.

Roland "Bud" Kolwitz 262-673-7503
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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Care packages were sent to Abby Leszczynski and William Feely on February 19, 2018. Total value \$120.00 (which was donated by a member of 851); total weight – 15 lbs. 14 oz. Total in postage \$34.80

Pull tabs from soda cans go to Ronald McDonald House. Also, Betty Crocker points and cancelled stamps are also welcome as part of our Community Service projects.

Reminder: It costs \$17.35 for each box mailed. It would be greatly appreciated, if you can help offset this cost by donating \$17.35 for the mailing of one box. For those who donated previously, thank you.

And on behalf of the troops serviced, thank you.

Thanks!

Sue Metzger, Community Service Trustee

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DEATHS

AFSA cannot officially recognize a person's death without a copy of the death certificate. It has been found that a couple of these deaths occurred in 2005. Please let someone know. The following passed away:

Joseph Fortunato	Howard Kilroy
John Peters	Amos Reed
Claire Richardson	Louis Schafer
Martin Sorensen	Timothy Tice
Roland Kolwitz	Membership Chairman

NEWS YOU CAN USE

AFSA Magazine—Several have asked questions about the hard copy of the AFSA Magazine. AFSA had to make a hard decision last year, that due to costs, the hard copy of the magazine would no longer be sent out. To those of you with computer access, you can go online to www.hqafsa.org to read it. One of the problems AFSA was having was the same problem Pres. Rheingans mentioned in his article—cost of return due to bad addresses.

Taken from the 440th Alumni Ass. Badger Banter KEEP FAMILY MEMBER OBITS SHORT

Scam artists prey on obituaries and the personal facts they reveal. When it is time to write, leave out birthdate, middle name, address, etc. SS numbers can be constructed and used to open credit cards, etc. Have Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion flag their accounts as deceased. You may need a death certificate statement certifying you can act for the deceased. Also, call SS at 800-771-1213, IRS, banks, etc. and be wary of reports of missing grandkids, with debt claims or life insurance payout fees. Don't leave the home unoccupied during the funeral.

LUNG DISEASE CLAIMS ENTITLEMENT

Service members who worked around burn pits at military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan are eligible for and entitled to medical expenses for any reasonable and necessary treatment for any medical conditions related to this experience. Burn pits released chemicals into the air from trash, abandoned hardware and other waste. Clouds of smoke would hang in the air downwind of the burns. In January a federal court ruled for the members. The ruling said **cause** was determined as a **matter of law** vice substantiated evidence. Members are currently denied coverage by the VA.

GETTING PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE

Remember that you didn't get a DO Form 214 when you retired from the military unless you retired directly from AD. A retirement order, issued when you transferred to the Retired Reserve, is your primary document to prove your service. You may have also been issued an additional retirement order upon reaching age 60 and eligible for retired pay. Either order should be sufficient. Read more <https://militarybenefits.info/how-to-get-dd-214-copy/#ixzz5AaCl2tvL>

FISHING AT SHANGRI LA ON UPPER KELLY LAKE

Don Teffer has developed a veterans' retreat on his farm in Hales Corners for the use by veterans and veterans' groups. The retreat has a pavilion, handicap restroom, picnic tables, campfire pit, two fishing piers and a pontoon boat. It is located on Grange Ave., just west of 124th St. on the south side of the road. Look for the barn with a veteran's monument in front of it.

Call Don at 414-659-3041 to schedule a veteran's group and/or a certified pontoon boat operator for a fishing trip. Or just bring some little ones out to fish off the piers.

From the 128th ANG Health & Wellness Resource Team

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is the service organization and focal point for AF Airmen and Family Matters. We serve all single and married Guard, Retired, Reserve, Active, DOD Civilian Personnel and their eligible Family Matters. Our mission is to promote informed, self-sufficient and resilient Guard families that support and contribute to their unit's mission accomplishment. DSN I 580-8249. Office hours are Tuesday to Thursday 0900-1500. The website is: <http://128tharw.ang.af.mil/familyreadiness.asp>

Psychological Health Program provides service members and their families with resources to master psychological health challenges to maintain operational readiness. It provides Leadership Support and Counseling. Office hours are Tuesday to Friday 0700-1730. UTA weekends 0700-1430. DSN I 580-8256

Chaplains are Advisors to Leadership & Advocates for Airmen as well as their families. Office

hours are Monday to Friday 0800-1730. UTA weekends 0500-1430. Phone 414-944-8428 Cell 414-852-7962

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator office is a single point of contact for members to confidentially report a sexual assault and be assigned to a Victim Advocate (if desired). Web site: safehelpline.org. Phone 877-995-5247 DXN | 580-8428

POSTAL SCAM

The Veterans Affairs department and U.S. Postal Inspection Service is warning veterans of two kinds of scams which are specifically targeting former service members.

Fake charities posing as organizations that benefit the veteran population and companies claiming to offer pension buyouts are becoming prevalent and dangerous to this community. VA wrote in a recent blog post.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service and non-profit AARP say they are noticing more fake charities using names that sound real and authentic as a ploy to convince veterans to donate. These fraudulent organizations attempt to appeal to a veteran's sense of duty and honor when soliciting donations.

Most of these "charities" are pocketing the donations for themselves, the agencies said. One scammer operated two fake charities and pocketed the veterans' donations, then used the personal information written on the checks to steal donor's identities and take more cash, according to a VA blog post.

WAUKESHA, WI CAP PRESENTATION



President Rheingans (2nd from right) presenting the AFSA CAP award to Cadet Loohaus (2nd from left)

WisconsinVision

The Air Force Sergeants Association—Chapter 851 has arranged the following discount plan for your eye care needs. We endorse this program and strongly encourage you to use **Wisconsin Vision** for your eye care needs.

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AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION - SPECIAL PRICING

SERVICE	SPECIAL AFSA DISCOUNT	RETAIL
COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAM	\$41.00	\$59.00
FRAME	\$34.00	up to \$79.00
DESIGNER FRAMES	30% OFF RETAIL	FULL PRICE

LENSES:		
SINGLE VISION	\$41.00	\$60.00
LINE BIFOCAL	\$65.00	\$95.00
LINE TRIFOCAL	\$85.00	\$125.00

PROGRESSIVE LENSES:		
BASIC	\$110.00	\$160.00
PREMIUM	\$170.00	\$235.00
ULTRA-PREMIUM	\$225.00	\$295.00

ALL OTHER PROGRESSIVE LENSES RECEIVE A 20% DISCOUNT

PACKAGES:		
SINGLE VISION & FRAME (single vision plastic lenses and \$59 frame)	\$49.00	\$100.00
BIFOCALS & FRAME (bifocal (ft-28) plastic lenses and \$59 frame)	\$79.00	\$135.00
PROGRESSIVE LENS PACKAGE (AD Easy plastic lenses and a frame up to \$139) *with a \$139.00 frame	\$259.00	\$364.00

EYEGLASS LENS OPTIONS:		
HI-INDEX 1.60 (thinner lens)	\$50.00	\$70.00
HI-INDEX 1.67 (ultra-thin lens)	\$95.00	\$130.00
POLYCARBONATE (impact resistant)	\$30.00	\$40.00
TRANSITION LENSES (darken and lighten)	\$80.00	\$100.00
POLARIZED SUNGLASS LENSES	\$65.00	\$85.00
TEFLON CLEAR COAT WITH ANTI-REFLECTIVE COATING	\$89.00	\$109.00
ZEISS ANTI-REFLECTIVE COATING	\$75.00	\$79.00

CONTACTS:		
CONTACT LENS PACKAGE (Exam, fitting fee, and 3-month supply of select spherical contacts)	\$99.00	\$153.00

*NON-INSURANCE ORDERS ONLY!

20% DISCOUNT IS AVAILABLE ON MOST OTHER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES NOT NOTED IN THE ABOVE PRICE SCHEDULE.

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CHAPTER ITEMS

We have Chapter Coins in now. They are \$7.00 plus S&H. Chapter bottles are \$5.00 plus S&H and Chapter t-shirts at \$10.00 plus S&H. There are 4 M, 2 L and 4 XL. If you are interested, contact Chapter President Bill Rheingans at 262-232-8484 or wrheingans@gmail.com

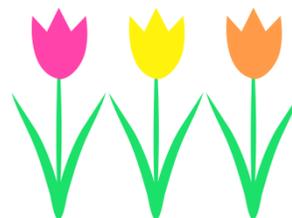


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Jean Kolwitz, Newsletter Editor

2018 Schedule

May 5th – 128th ARW
June 2nd – 128ARW
July – date & location TBD
Aug – date & location TBD
September 8th – 128th ARW
October – date & location TBD
November – date & location TBD
December – date & location TBD

Watch this section for changes. Meetings are at the 128th HQ Building



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